

MAR 27 2007

<b>CERTIFICATE OF FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.8</b> I hereby certify that this correspondence, totaling 12 pages including recited attachments, is being facsimile transmitted to the United States Patent and Trademark Office at facsimile no.: 571-273-8300 (Central number) on the below date:		
Date: 3/27/07	Name: Beverly Little	Signature: <i>Beverly Little</i>

BRINKS
HOFER
GILSON
& LIONE

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Appln. of: Kenneth M. Hutton et al

Appln. No.: 10/561,569

Filed: December 20, 2005

For: SOOTBLOWER FRAME ASSEMBLY

Attorney Docket No: 10577-188

Examiner: unknown

Art Unit: unknown

Commissioner for Patents  
 P. O. Box 1450  
 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

## TRANSMITTAL

Sir:

Attached is/are:

- ☒ Preliminary Amendment under 37 CFR 1.115  
☐ Return Receipt Postcard

Fee calculation:

- ☒ No additional fee is required.  
☐ Small Entity.  
☐ An extension fee in an amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ for a \_\_\_\_\_-month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a).  
☐ A petition or processing fee in an amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(\_\_\_\_).  
☐ An additional filing fee has been calculated as shown below:

					Small Entity			Not a Small Entity	
	Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest No. Previously Paid For	Present Extra	Rate	Add'l Fee	or	Rate	Add'l Fee
Total	33	Minus	33	0	x \$25=			x \$50=	
Indep.	3	Minus	3	0	x 100=			x \$200=	
First Presentation of Multiple Dep. Claim					+ \$180=			+ \$360=	
Total					\$			Total	
								\$0	

Fee payment:

- ☐ A check in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ is enclosed.  
☐ Please charge Deposit Account No. 06-1500 in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_. A copy of this Transmittal is enclosed for this purpose.  
☐ Payment by credit card in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ (Form PTO-2038 is attached).  
☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional filing fees required under 37 CFR § 1.16 and any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR § 1.17 associated with this paper (including any extension fee required to ensure that this paper is timely filed), or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 23-1925.

Respectfully submitted,

*Steven L. Oberholtzer*  
 Steven L. Oberholtzer (Reg. No. 30,670)

3/27/07  
 Date

MAR 27 2007

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Appln. of: Kenneth M. Hutton et al  
Appln. No.: 10/561,569  
Filed: December 20, 2005  
For: SOOTBLOWER FRAME  
ASSEMBLY  
Attorney Docket No: 10577-188

Examiner: UNKNOWN  
Art Unit: UNKNOWN

## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.115

Commissioner of Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Please amend the above-referenced patent application as follows:

- I. **Listing of Claims**, beginning on page 2; and
- II. **Remarks**, beginning on page 5.

Applicant notes that the Transmittal Letter to which this paper is attached includes a fee statement calculating any fee(s) presently due in connection with the filing of this paper, along with an authorization to charge any fee deficiency to Deposit Account No. 23-1925.

BRINKE  
HOFFER  
GILSON  
ALDINE

-1-